



Survey Questions	
Client	ActionAid UK
Survey Name	UK Aid
Dates	December 19 – 20 '06
Sample	1000 adults at Q1

READ OUT – I am now going to ask you a series of questions about Government Aid. Every year the UK government provides aid, in the form of grants or cheap loans to poor countries around the world, which must be spent on reducing poverty.

Q1. As a percentage of all government spend how much do you think the UK government spent on aid in 2005-2006.

[ENTER % 0- 100]

Q2. The Actual percentage of UK government spend on aid in 2005 – 2006 was 1.3 percent of all government spend which equates to £4.4 billion. Knowing this, do you think the UK Government spends too much, too little or about the right amount on international aid?

CODE ONE

1. Too much
2. About right
3. Too little
4. DK

Q3. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the UK government pays enough attention to ensuring that its aid is used effectively?

CODE ONE

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree
6. DK

READ OUT – Aid from the UK tends to be processed through the Department of International Development, which oversees the distribution of aid. It's stipulated that UK aid must be used to reduce poverty - to help to lift the 1 billion people in the world who live on less than 60p a day out of poverty. The UK targets its aid at achieving the internationally agreed Millennium Development Goals, which include halving the number of people living on less than 60p a day, ensuring that all children go to school. Reducing poverty can also help to tackle conflict and reduce immigration.

Q4. To what extent do you support or oppose the planned government increase in international aid?

CODE ONE

1. Strongly support
2. Tend to support
3. Neither support or oppose
4. Tend to oppose
5. Strongly oppose
6. DK

Read out. Some people say that not every penny of aid is well spent or can be accounted for. However, others argue that trying to account for every penny makes aid less effective because it slows it down, and adds many layers of bureaucracy.

Q5. In light of this, how important do you think it is for the UK government to increase aid, even if it can not guarantee that every single penny will be accounted for?

CODE ONE

1. Very important
2. Quite important
3. Neither important nor unimportant
4. Not very important
5. Not at all important
6. DK

IF Oppose at Q4 ASK Q5b / Q6

Q5b. Which of the following reasons best explain why you oppose the planned increase in aid?

READ OUT – CODE ONE – ALLOW DK

1. The aid won't get through to the poor – it is lost to corruption
2. The aid will be wasted on bureaucracy and expensive consultants
3. We should spend the money in this country, not overseas.
4. The aid will be used to promote our own foreign policy interests, not help the poor
5. The government should focus on more important issues, like making trade fair.

Q6. If the aid provided by the UK could be fully accounted for and guaranteed to help the poorest, would you support or oppose the planned increase in aid?

CODE ONE

1. Strongly support
2. Tend to support
3. Neither support or oppose
4. Tend to oppose
5. Strongly oppose
6. DK

ASK ALL

Q7. The UK government 'untied' its aid in 2001 – with the aim of spending money in the most effective way rather than insisting that it must be spent on UK goods and services. Does this increase or decrease your support for the UK aid programme, or does it make no difference?

CODE ONE

1. Increase
2. Decrease
3. Makes no difference
4. DK



Q8. In 2005 the UK government announced it would stop using aid to promote certain economic policies, such as privatisation in developing countries. Does this increase or decrease your support for the UK aid programme, or does it make no difference?

CODE ONE

1. Increase
2. Decrease
3. Makes no difference
4. DK

Q9. Do you believe there is too much, too little, or about the right amount of public discussion regarding aid given by the UK?

CODE ONE

1. Too much
2. About right
3. Too little
4. DK